

Minutes of the Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

September 16, 2003 meeting,
Mickie Gordon Conference Room
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Building
215 Depot Court, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia

Members Present: Chairman Helen Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus, Steven Combs-Lafleur, Benjamin Lawrence, Fred McIntosh (arrived at 1:25)

Members Absent: Kurt Erickson, Bill Hudspeth
County Staff Present: Marie Genovese, Planner, Loudoun County Planning Department
Janet Klein, Recording Secretary, PRCS

Chairman Helen Casey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Casey thanked everyone for coming and introduced everyone present. She then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of July 15. Joan Rokus so moved, Steven Combs-Lafleur seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was election of officers: Helen Casey announced that she agrees to remain as Chairman, Joan Rokus has agreed to remain as Vice Chairman and Bill Hudspeth has agreed to serve as Secretary. There being no nominations from the floor, Joan Rokus moved that the nominations be closed. Ben Lawrence seconded and the motion passed thereby electing the aforementioned slate of officers.

Chairman's Comments Chairman Casey called everyone's attention to the correspondence in their packets and welcomed comments or feedback. She stated that there has been no response from the new owner of Red Cedar but that he must honor all agreements and the original plans already approved for that property. Fred McIntosh arrived late so Helen brought him up-to-date on the elections.

Ben Lawrence recommended ordering new stationery and recycling whatever is left of the old. He believes that it is important to send out correspondence and minutes on stationery that contains this Committee's new name. Chairman Casey mentioned the Committee address/phone list in the packets and requested that everyone check the information for accuracy. Also in the packet is a referral letter to the County on the ZMAP of Goose Creek Preserve. Helen and Bill Hudspeth met with Packie Crown in August to discuss the Preserve project and the pedestrian trails within the scenic easement that will be maintained by PRCS. Joan Rokus, Benjamin Lawrence, and Helen met with the lawyer of the new owner of the Salamander Inn. It turns out that the property does not abut Goose Creek but there is a stream on the property that feeds into the Creek so we still want to monitor how that property is used. Helen attended an LCSA workshop on their new Watershed Protection Plan.. LCSA is preparing a flyer to be mailed to all those who live along the creek. Helen asked Ben Lawrence to make his riparian mailing list available to Tony Dawood.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mickie Gordon Conference Room (2nd floor) at the new offices of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department located at 215 Depot Court, S.E., Leesburg, VA 20175.
Goose Creek Village Presentation

Sally Gillette, Planner & Attorney, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Terpak
Christine Gleckner, Planner, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Terpak
Paul Tiffin, Civil Engineer, Christopher Consultants
Bryan Condie, Planner, Christopher Consultants
Christine Gleckner made a presentation including drawings and shared the following information about the project:

Their application has just been filed and they have not received any referral comments.

Suburban development of business, commercial and residential structures.

Approximately 1500 ft. of property along the Creek.

572 dwelling units â“ half single-family and half townhomes

Retail space will be 170,000 square feet.

There are plans for a private community center and possibly a church that would be included in that 170,000 square feet.

Chris Gleckner showed pictures of the extensive buffer they plan to put along the Creek.

They are proposing another stormwater management pond in addition to the one that already exists on the property close to the Greenway.

They would like to have natural surface trails along the Creek and they plan to tour the property to determine if there are any existing deer trails that could be converted to walking/hiking trails.

Proffers will specify who will maintain the trails.

VOF has been contacted because there is a VOF easement along there. It is VOF's responsibility to police its use. There are no plans for any structures in this area, just accessible open space for the community for passive recreation.

Open space for active recreation will include tot lots and swimming pools.

Canoe/kayak launch - Would like to find an existing or natural area to launch canoes. If necessary, would like to see if they could locate a natural grade along the creek for the launch so the ground won't have to be disturbed.

County has some multi-use plan for the northeast side of property along Belmont Ridge Road

The question was raised about how the pond would be drained. The answer was that it would run off into the countryside and then down into the Creek. Stormwater will drain into a pipe that will most likely go under Sycolin Road and drain into the stormwater management pond.

Another committee member asked when they expect this project to go before the Planning Commission. The answer was: about 5 months.

Chris asked if there is a liaison for this project on the Goose Creek Committee. Helen reported that Bill Hudspeth would be her point of contact.

Other Business Joan Rokus announced that the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum is having its Grand Opening on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00-4:00. She encouraged everyone to come out and see the amazing exhibits. Admission will be free on that day only.

Lime Kiln Road Steven Combs-Lafleur Steven Combs-Lafleur reported that the work is basically done on Lime Kiln Road; all that remains is the planting of grass. He was very impressed with the work done by VDOT and the contracting companies and with their responsiveness to the concerns of this group and the people who live along that road. They also put in a nice berm between the road and the Creek.

Steven would like to send them a letter of appreciation. Helen asked him to write up the letter and send it to her to approve and mail out.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Guests Present: Christine Gleckner; Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Terpak
Sally Gillette, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Terpak
Bryan Condie, Christopher Consultants
Paul Tiffin, Christopher Consultants

Respectfully submitted,
Janet G. Klein